

## **COVID-19 Flexibilities Statement**

## Announced 10/05/2021

Associate of Applied Science Biomedical Equipment Technology – IDL program

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations from state and federal officials, as well as our accrediting agency, ACCET, CBET has transitioned the externship course to an Interactive Distance Learning capstone course.

Students unable to garner onsite placement in new externships, and individuals removed from existing externships, may continue their studies online via the capstone course.

Instructors will schedule meetings with each externship candidate impacted by COVID-19. Students preferring to delay their education due to COVID-19 may transition from full time to part-time enrollment in the program.

It is important to note that this delivery method does not represent a permanent change, although the College plans to obtain approval for offering this additional flexibility on a permanent basis from our state, federal, and accreditation partners to provide ongoing, optional flexibilities for the benefit of our students. Currently, these flexibilities will be in place until such time as they are affirmatively rescinded by the Department of Education and no later than 180 days following the date upon which the COVID-19 national emergency declaration is officially rescinded. CBET will, nevertheless, continue to offer externship courses once this option has been deemed safe by externship providers as well as to provide our students with alternative options to complete their studies via online study.

Students desiring an externship after completing the program, and associated capstone, may continue receiving externship services with the College at no charge for six months following the program completion date.

## All Programs:

If you're unable to pay for your program during COVID-19, please contact your advisor about payment options as you may qualify for deferral periods, scholarships, or installment plans.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we move forward in the best interests of everyone's health and safety while continuing to provide successful student and career outcomes for our graduates.

If you have additional questions, contact the School President, Richard L. "Monty" Gonzales via email rgonzales@cbet.edu, or phone 210.233.1102 or 866.866.9027.